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- Emma can get some thing
suitable that will give
them pleasure at Christmas.
I also send my best wishes
to each of them - and would
be pleased if any of them
could write to me

I shall hope that Emma
will be able to write soon

I had a very pleasant
visit with W. Reed he
seemed pleased very much
with Al. and his visit
there - and now I shall
wish you all a "Merry"
'Christmas' and a very happy
New Year

Affectionately
Mother

P.O. Box 350

Portage 17th Dec. 1883

Dear Dad

Your very kind
and interesting letter of Oct 14th
was duly received - It gives
me much pleasure to know
of your restored health - and
of the good health of all the family
and also that you have a
tolerably fair practice and
you have a pleasant home

How very much we have
to be thankful for every
day of our lives - how many
blessings we enjoy even if
they are mixed with some
trials - Annie's health
is a cause of much anxiety
to me lately - I often think

if she had gone west instead of north last Spring it would have been better for her - as she came home from the north much worse than when she away.

Mary has had a sore trial on account of Whelers illness - although he is now nearly well.

Neither David nor Katie has been very well lately. Katie has been sick for a week, but is now getting well - and David continues going to the store if he is able to stand up -

Celine is in Portage and goes to school and is generally with me over night.

How many changes time brings to us - in looking -

— back to the time you wrote about - when there were ten of us besides hired help every day and now here I sit alone but I am not lonesome - I seem to be surrounded with every blessing and many comforts - much more than I could have expected or deserved.

David is very kind and is always ready to assist me in more ways than I can tell of - besides one visit every week.

I was sorry after Annie Repe home that I had not sent some present to the children - so I now inclose this small bill so you can